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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 2027.547096/RFE

Prior Application Serial No.:
09/508,277

Prior Application Examiner:
K. Kerr

Classification Designation:
435

Prior Group Art Unit: 1652

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/508,277, filed March 7, 2000, entitled YEAST STRAINS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LACTIC ACID.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/508,277 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this

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2. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$740 to cover the filing fee as calculated below.

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Basic Fee ----- | | | | \$740.00 |
| Total Claims | 8 - 20 = | 0 X | \$18.00 = | \$ 00.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | 0 X | \$84.00 = | \$ 00.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) ----- | | | | \$ 00.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEES: | | | | \$740.00 |

4. Address all future communications to:


5. The prior application is presently assigned to A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co.

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7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/508,277 filed March 7, 2000.--.
8. Information Disclosure Statements are enclosed and accompanying Forms PTO-1449.
9. Certified copy of Italian priority application.
10. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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